

House Resolution No. 2464

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answer the patriotic call to national service through enlistment in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, the city of Lake Saint Louis is the site for a new Veterans Park that will be dedicated on Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2008; and

Whereas, the Lake Saint Louis Veterans Park takes as its theme "Freedom Isn't Free" and was originally the idea of Ralph Barrale, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10350, who was a soldier with the 821st Combat MP Company in World War II that was the first unit under the command of General Patton to enter the Battle of the Bulge; and

Whereas, other individuals playing key roles in the development of the park include Director of Parks and Recreation Tim Vanatta and the Veterans Volunteer Committee members George Rich, Henry Chappell, Harold Gaines, Bud Harter, Kenny Hawkins, Frank Herkert, Gene Nicholson, Gil Stuenkel, and Judith Westermann

Whereas, Lake Saint Louis Mayor Mike Potter supplied a parcel of city land next to the new City Hall, the VFW and the American Legion donated seed money, the VFW began a campaign to sell memorial bricks, and Wal-Mart and community citizens donated toward the completion of the park; and

Whereas, Lake Saint Louis voters approved a Parks and Recreation bond issue that allowed for completion of the park, later improvements to the park, and use of the park as a mini-classroom for all ages with eleven pedestals that provide important information on major conflicts in which our country has been involved; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri communities as Lake Saint Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and goals associated with the Lake Saint Louis Veterans Park and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful dedication ceremony on Armed Forces Day, May 17, 2008; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Lake Saint Louis Veterans Park.

Offered by _____
Representative Robert F. Onder, M.D.
District No. 13

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2464, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker